

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims. The indication that all pending claims contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

Claims 1-26, 28-31 and 33-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. The rejection asserts that the claims do not recite a practical application in the form of a tangible result, on the grounds that the validated command is not explicitly claimed to be stored on a tangible medium. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims do not recite merely an abstract concept, but rather define the claimed subject matter in the context of a concrete and tangible environment, and thereby comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §101, as interpreted in the relevant case law pertaining thereto. However, to advance prosecution, independent claims 1, 20, 26, 28 and 33 have been amended to explicitly recite that the instructions, which are validated during their execution by a processor, are stored in a computer-readable memory, i.e. a tangible medium, pursuant to the Examiner's suggestion. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

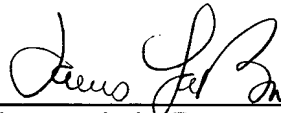
In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all outstanding issues have been resolved, and that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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